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Selectmen:

Recently, the Board received the results of its 2016 Audit. It is one of the best the town has every received and is another tribute to the Fiscal Well-being of our small town. As the town approaches its Special Town Meeting and Annual Town meeting on Tuesday May 2nd at 6:00PM in the Mt. Everett Cafeteria a number of employees and committees deserve credit for our exceptional financial Status, Selectman's Office Administrator, Mary Brazie, Treasurer Tax Collector, Sue Funk, Accountant Paul Lisi, and, last but not least, the Finance Committee of the Town.

As stated above, there is a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 6pm at the Mount Everett High School Cafeteria. There are three articles on the Special Town Meeting warrant requesting the transfer of funds. The Annual Town Meeting warrant contains 24 articles. The town will enter town meeting with the following:

Free Cash

General Fund: \$335,773.00

Enterprise Fund: \$31,394.00

Stabilization Fund

\$391,163.80

The overall budget increase is about 2.4%.

The Mount Washington road bridge was opened on April 19 to traffic. The final cost of the bridge will be approximately \$.5M. The bridge design and construction is based solely upon state DOT requirements and specifications. The frustrating part of this entire process was the 3.5 year costly and inordinately long permitting process. Again this is a consequence of state and federal requirements placed on our community.

The School Budget this year is even more controversial that last year and warrants detailed review by all. Please see Egremont Finance

Committee Analysis elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Egremont Schoolhouse, please see the accompanying article.

Broadband, please see that attached summary addressing the logic and factual evidence supporting the Board of Selectmen's reasoning for accepting the recommendation of the Egremont Technology Committee. Further, it appears that construction could start later this year with Charter/Spectrum with a potential completion in late 2018. The position of the Board of Selectmen is that Charter/Spectrum met the State's requirements for grant funding, is affordable to all residents, and the buildout will target the entire town at no or little cost to Egremont. Fiber Connect, a startup company with little or no financial track record, claims to offer a fiber to the home solution. It has stated in public meetings that it plans to build out up to 77% of the town using its own money. Despite its appeal, it failed to meet the state's rigorous requirements for grant funding and never came forward to the Technology Committee with a Business Plan. Please see detailed breakdown regarding town choices and costs in attached Technology Committee Analysis.

The annual election is Tuesday, May 9 from 10am to 7pm at the North Egremont Fire Station. Absentee ballots are available from the Town Clerk.

As a part of the Complete Streets program the Town was able to purchase with grant funds signs that warn of the Appalachian Trail Crossing on Jug End Road.



The Town has also purchased speed feedback signs which will be installed in key travel locations through town. The Town is in the process of purchase of bike racks which will be placed at Town Hall, French Park and the Jug End reservation. As well a bike repair station is being installed at Town Hall. Thank you to Chris Ives for his help in purchasing the correct bike equipment.

The Insurance Services Organization has notified the Town that the Public Protection Classification has been changed from 06 to 05/5Y. This is great news as a lower number is a better number. This may mean a lower insurance premium for residents. Thank you to our volunteer Firemen for working so hard to improve our rating.

ECO-TIP

Much plastic wrapping is recyclable! When clean and dry, it includes bread and newspaper wrappers; trash bags; over-wrap on cases of soda, canned veggies, and paper towels & toilet tissue; and zip-lock bags (hard-plastic zipper removed). BigY and Price Chopper have collection bins in their bottle-redemption rooms. (NB: The Saran-type food wrap that you tear off a roll is NOT recyclable – yet!)

South Egremont School House:

Under the guise of fiscal prudence, the Southern Berkshire Regional School District continues its blatantly illegal assault on Town rights. When approving the FY18 School Budget, the School Committee voted to place the Egremont School House in Hiatus in direct violation of the 5 Town Regional School Agreement. The Committee claims to be in yet another year of tight financial crisis. This is difficult to understand when the Committee has over \$800,000 in E&D certified, an account similar to our town's Free Cash account. Further, in the last 4 years we have seen per pupil costs rise to the highest in Berkshire County and academic performance decline.

If fiscal prudence were the real issue, all the Towns would be on notice that this School Committee continues to waste taxpayer dollars attempting to close Egremont's School. Through a "clever" reading of the School Agreement, the school committee determined that "Hiatus" is not an "Action". For them, "Actions" are limited to "opening" and "closing". In Egremont's dictionary and those of other reasonable communities, anything

that leads to an "opening" or "closing" is part of an "action", therefore a "hiatus" is part of an action to "close" the Egremont School - pure and simple. Closure cannot be done without several Town meetings and a lot more discussion. It is, as many will recall, something we have already discussed, voted, and rejected several times. Apparently while common sense might agree with Egremont, this question appears headed to the lawyers because fair play is not part of the School Committee's vocabulary. Egremont formally filed a complaint in Berkshire Superior Court on April 13.

In light of the impending lawsuit, the Egremont Finance Committee has done a fiscal analysis of the School District's Finances in this Newsletter. The lack of sustainability if they are allowed to continue in this "business as usual" mode of operation is clear. It is time to stop.

The retirement of a beloved teacher has always created an air pocket in transition. Our school, in its 130 years of operation has had many beloved teachers retire. Done with little transparency, the SBRSD's refusal to assign a teacher to Egremont was timed to ensure maximum confusion on the part of parents wishing to register their children. Knowing that attendance would be impacted, this attempt at "soft closure" is insulting to Egremont and all of the children of this District.

For the last decade the Town of Egremont, in good faith and with good will, has been working with the District to keep its school open. Under the present agreement repair costs should have been borne by the District; Egremont realized that this was not feasible and has shouldered these costs knowing that our Village School attracts young families, and supports property values in Egremont. Work scheduled to begin this summer may be delayed due to this event, but this is money wisely invested in our children's future, and our historic past. It is our right as a Town to make this decision. It is the District who works for us, not we for them.

Egremont Historical Commission: SAVE THE DATE: Sat. June 17th. Rte 41 - 9:30am - Kellogg Conservation Center

Sponsored by the Egremont Historical Commission and supported by a grant from the Mass. Cultural Council through the Egremont/Alford C.C., the Appalachian Trail Conservancy will host, "An Interpretive History of the Art of Timber framing" by Jack A. Sobon on Saturday morning, June 17th, rain or shine, at 9:30am. Refreshments will be served, with a Q&A after the talk.

Jack Sobon is the founding director of the Timber Framers' Guild of North America and has spoken all over the country on the tradition of hand tools, timber framing, and its history. Graduating in 1978 from RISD with a degree in architecture, he has dedicated his career to this unique building form, erecting over 50 structures, many hewn right from the tree. As architecture becomes a computer generated affair, the art and technique of the hand built in our lives become precious. You are invited to hear Jack speak to this ongoing and living building tradition. The ATC has requested you let them know if you plan to attend by emailing Adam Brown at abrown@appalachiantrail.org.

SAVE THE SCHOOL: Town Meeting, May 2nd.

The State's Historical Commission asks that we promote and protect the elements of our environment that foster our way of life. We support that mission in the open fields of our Right to Farm community; our National Register Historic Districts, and nowhere is it more apparent than in the presence in our Village of the living educational tradition of our Village School. The presence of this working school contributes a vibrant, attractive and valuable asset to our lifestyle and our children's future as we envision it. As we enter the 21st century, repairs to the foundation of this 130 year old school structure will ensure an environment in which our children can safely acquire a solid foundation for their future as well. The Historical Commission supports the Town in its efforts to maintain this important fiscal and historic gem in our midst.

Finance Committee:

A Note on the FY2018 Proposed Budget for the Southern Berkshire Regional School District

The Finance Committee of Egremont has reviewed, as it regularly has for the last few years, the FY 2018 budget for the District.

The Committee noted the following:

1. There are four areas of budget growth that, for their size and pace of increase raise concern.
2. The growth was analyzed on a CAGR (compound average growth rate) basis, thus these comments have less to do with year over year changes which the Committee feels is too narrow a basis on which to view the budget for strategic reasons.
3. The key growth budget lines are:

- a. #2110 Curriculum Directors
 - b. #2330 Paraprofessionals
 - c. #2310 Teacher Specialists
 - d. #3300 Transportation Services
 - e. #5100 Employee Retirement Contributions
 - f. #5200 #5250 & #5260 Insurance (for both active and retired employees)
4. Curriculum Directors: this item is rising at a CAGR of 8.5% per year over the last five cycles. While the year over year change shows a decline, it misrepresents that this line item is gaining significant size at the \$230,000+ range and that even small increases will add significantly to the budget. The Egremont Finance Committee would expect a long term downward trend on this line item to continue indefinitely in successive budget periods, its five year history notwithstanding.
 5. Paraprofessionals: this line item is growing at a CAGR of 8.9% per year for the last five cycles. It will, at its current rate of growth become the next line item to breach the \$1 million level for a single line item. The Egremont Finance Committee noted an abrupt cut (-\$69K) in this line item between the Public Hearing budget of 16 February, and the budget "As Adopted" on 9 March. The five year CAGR, however, remains unsustainable.
 6. Teacher Specialists: this line item shows not only a five year CAGR of 7.7% per year, but its recent history was of an accelerating rate of growth; Growing at an increasing rate. This troubling trend seems arrested in the FY2018 budget, however the one year rate of growth remains double digit with an aggressive underlying growth trend.
 7. Comparative Note: By comparison to Paraprofessionals and Teacher Specialists, Classroom Instructors cost has a five year CAGR of minus (-0.9%) nearly one percent per year and has been declining year over year for the last four budget cycles. The Egremont Finance Committee has also noted that when taken together as a group, Curriculum Directors, Classroom Instructors, Specialist Teachers, and Paraprofessionals costs are growing at a five year CAGR of 2.3% per year in a flat to declining enrollment environment. Further, the Egremont Finance Committee noted that the percentage distribution of these line item costs has been

- shifting away from Classroom Instructors toward the other three areas. While the Finance Committee cannot comment on why this shift is occurring, it is a feature of the budget that warrants analysis. In FY2013 Classroom Instructors were 69% of the cost, where today they are 59%. Meanwhile, Curriculum Directors have risen in proportion a full percentage point to 4% of the total from 3% five years ago. Specialist Teachers rose from 17% of the cost in FY2013 to 22% in the FY2018 Budget, a 5 percentage point increase over five budget cycles. Paraprofessionals have risen 4 percentage points over the five years to represent 15% of the cost. This suggests a dynamic in the configuration of the student population or the curriculum or the nature of the profession has been changing in SBRSD and may be an area deserving of strategic attention as related to budgeting and future cost management.
8. **Transportation Services:** this line item is increasing at 3.6% per year on a CAGR basis, and by over 10% on a year over year basis, the lone, large line item which has a one year growth rate more than twice its CAGR. This single logistical cost, while crucial to student transportation, deserves a much higher degree of focus and strategic thought. Several of the buses used on routes are at low levels of capacity, and routes, historically have crisscrossed. Transportation for students with special needs may be a significant factor and needs to be reviewed for efficiency.
 9. **Employee Retirement Contributions:** this line item has risen at a CAGR of 4.5% per year for the last five years. It is expected to grow 6% in the latest one year cycle. It is rapidly approaching the half million dollar mark meaning it will add significant cost at even low growth rates.
 10. **Insurance:** this is one of the largest, fast growing line items. It is maintaining a five year CAGR of 5% on a (combined Active and Retired Employee) total of \$3.5 million dollars for FY 2018. A five year forward projection of this line item suggests that by FY21 (three years hence) SBRSD health insurance might cost over \$4 million dollars if left unchecked.
 11. The Egremont Finance Committee is acutely aware that some of these line items represent costs that are obligations, often negotiated, of the District to its employees. This point makes it all the more critical to create an aggressive strategic approach toward their management.
 12. The Egremont Finance Committee is concerned that these line items have not been the subject of substantial analysis (by either the District office or the various committees of the SBRSD School Committee) resulting in a set of contingent strategies for development into policies for implementation.
 13. It is the sense of the Egremont Finance Committee that the growth of these line items is quite unsustainable and will, over time, greatly increase pressure on other, potentially higher priority areas of the budget such as classroom instruction.
 14. The Egremont Finance Committee neither suggests nor recommends any specific actions as regards the management of the SBRSD Budget, leaving that to the School Committee and the District Office. It is, however, the function of the Egremont Finance Committee to call attention to those areas it feels are growing at unsustainable levels based on the financial capabilities of the five towns the District comprises (specifically Egremont among them), and the proportional ratios these line items have to one another and the ultimate effect they will have on the various taxing authorities if they are left unchecked or allowed to continue on their current growth trajectory.

Spotlight: Egremont & Mt. Washington COA Join Forces:

From the moment you meet anyone from the Egremont and Mt. Washington Councils on Aging, it quickly becomes apparent that this organization possesses a wealth of ingenuity, drive, and talent. This gang is definitely the little engine that can! The two towns of Egremont and Mt. Washington combined efforts to provide an entertaining, informative and comprehensive Senior Program for their areas through the Council on Aging (COA). The organization makes a concerted effort to connect the seniors living in these rural areas to community resources through every means

at their disposal. The goal is maximum participation in truly creative, quality programming. Both towns agreed that it was important to bring people together! They set their sights on providing entertainment or art, making people think, and compiling a widely varied list of exercise programs. In the process, they're making everyone feel connected to the community. It was a lofty goal, but the COAs have put together comprehensive programs with thoughtful take-aways that they are pleased to present.

On the first Wednesday of each month, the COA brings a monthly speaker to the Egremont Village Inn with a delightful catered soup and sandwich lunch from the Great Barrington Bagel Company. These events would not be so warm and comfortable without the welcoming arms of The Egremont Village Inn. Thank you to the Keene family for your support! In March, Chief Tyler Race shared extremely enlightening information about the latest phone and internet scams: we are all targets. April has two events: the 4/5 luncheon will be a photography session with Doane Perry (hint: bring your iPhone) and April 9th, a magical afternoon with Pianist Matei Varga. May offers a cooking demonstration class and June wraps up with the annual French Park Picnic.

The Egremont and Mt. Washington COAs partner with local centers to enable maximum accessibility to seniors throughout the region. They host exercise activities at The Claire Teague Center in Great Barrington, Sheffield Senior Center, Simon's Rock, and Balancise at the South Egremont Congressional Church. On a given day of the week, they may sponsor up to seven different exercise classes like cross training, balance and movement, aquatic fitness, and even tap dancing! The centers also offer small group personal training, Matter of Balance classes, walking club, and other workshops to keep seniors active and engaged in their communities. We're fortunate to have such fabulous talent in our small towns willing to share their special skills with us. We appreciate them all. The COAs look forward to planning the 2017-2018 calendar soon and disseminating the information in the bi-annual flyer. Any questions should be directed to Egremont Town Hall, 413-528-0128, ext. 17 or Mt. Washington, 413-528-2839.

ECO-TIP

Don't release balloons into the sky. When they come down, they are, at best, litter. At worst, they are ingested by sea creatures, whose digestive tracts get blocked, so they die of starvation. The latex ones may decompose in 6 months to 4 years (long enough to do much damage!), but the Mylar ones won't ever.

Scamming is a hot topic for everyone, especially seniors:

We have all noticed an increase in annoying phone calls and email ads asking for money or offers that sound "too good to be true". So Chet Delaney, with the Council on Aging for Egremont, working with Mt. Washington, contacted Egremont Chief of Police, Tyler Race, to ask him to address our group about the scamming situation in our area.

Officer Race said he was very familiar with this topic and came prepared with a Power Point presentation. He cited the many types of fraud that we are being bombarded with: charity fraud, insurance scams, credit card scams and the most disturbing IRS threats, to name a few. As seniors, we are a plum target for this fraudulent activity as we are inclined to have a "nest egg", we were raised to be polite and help our fellow man and may even enjoy the outside contact.

IRS impersonations and credit card scams are the two most common scams. They are relentless and threatening, do not succumb. No one is coming to arrest you and if they become too persistent they are not legit. Do not give out any personal information over the phone, if you are interested in a charity, request material in the mail.

When you get phone solicitations, only answer if you recognize the Caller ID. The bad guys have a way of tricking the caller ID so be aware. One of our guests relayed a story about getting a call to "Grandma" from her grandson needing money to get out of a jam. Luckily she was on guard and knew this was not her grandson. However, COA member, Peg Muskrat said she has a friend that got taken for \$8,000 in a similar scenario. Now this is important, do not say "yes" to any questions over the phone, including your name. Scammers can lift your reply and use it in other schemes.

If you do fall prey to a scam, be aware, they may come back offering assistance in getting your funds back. Whenever you get a call, let the Egremont Police know, [413-528-2160](tel:413-528-2160), as they keep a log of these calls.

Chief Race is a local guy with deep roots in Egremont that found his interest in community service through his grandfather who was a Selectman and his father, Tom Race, who was a part-time police officer. For a short time Tyler had a Federal job and when their files were breached, Tyler's personal information was compromised. He has many cross-check plans in place because he knows he could be a target any time, so scamming isn't just for Seniors.

News From the Mt. Washington-Egremont Councils on Aging:

Our monthly luncheons, held the first Wednesday of each month, continue to be held at the Egremont Village Inn. Our March luncheon featured Egremont Police Chief Tyler race who spoke to us about the dangers we all face because of scamming. Chief Race's message to everyone concerning telephone scamming was "When in doubt, hang up and call your local Police Dept. Chances are they have already heard about the latest scam."

Our April meeting featured photographer Doane Perry from West Stockbridge. Participants were instructed to bring their iphones. Our instruction included many helpful hints about taking photographs, editing, sharing, and saving them.

April also featured a special event. On April 9 pianist Matei Varga, "the greatest young Romanian pianist" performed at the Egremont Village Inn. His mesmerizing performance included works by Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach and Ludwig van Beethoven. A very special afternoon for all who attended.

Our May meeting will feature Bob Climo from the GB Bagel Company. Bob will be doing a cooking demonstration for us and we are sure to come away with some wonderful recipes. Our June Luncheon will be held at French Park on June 7 for a "Mile Challenge Walk" and a talk by Liz Keen from Indian Line Farm. And, of course, a picnic lunch. Watch for updates on these events.

COA is hoping to again sponsor iphone (Liz Jaffe, instructor) and ipad (Vicki Windman) classes at the Town Hall in July. Dates and info will be announced shortly.

Be Safe, Be Seen - A free lunch will be

offered on June 21 at the Gt Barrington Senior Center, starting at 11:30. There will be a program about walking, driving, and bicycling safety. High visibility "Be Safe, Be Seen" vests will be given out to all attendees. To register call Will Brinker at the Town Hall at 528-0182 ext 17.

And, a reminder...to receive notices about COA events contact Bruce Bernstein, COA Chairman at bhberstein75@gmail.com to be put on the

Tax Collector:

Real Estate & Personal Property Tax Bill Due 5/1/17 - Tax bills have been mailed and are due in the Tax Collectors Office not later than 5/1/17 in order to avoid any interest and fees.

Real Estate & Personal Property Tax - Any questions on the values that appear on your bills need to be referred to the Board of Assessor's Office. 413-528-0182 ext 14 or assessors@egremont-ma.gov

Payments - When submitting payments please include the bottom portion of your bill(s). If you're paying your bills online with your bank, please be sure to reference the bill numbers(s) and mail to: Town of Egremont, Attn: Tax Collector PO Box 368, South Egremont, MA 01258

Online Payments - You can make payments for real estate, personal property, excise tax, and water bills directly on our website which is www.egremont-ma.gov You will need to have your bill information at the time of making your payment.

Out of the Area - If you are not in the area to receive your bills you may email me and I will forward you a copy so it can be paid before late charges are added. These can be paid on our website, www.egremont-ma.gov

My office hours are 7am-3pm Monday thru Friday. 413-528-0182 ext. 12. Or email collector@egremont-ma.gov.

Agricultural Commission:

Spring is here and after you are done with your spring cleaning think about supporting your local farmers! First stop by Turner Farms and notice the maple syrup is hot off the evaporator and for sale. Then, beginning May 13th and every Saturday 9-1 until the end of October, the Great Barrington Farmers' Market (GBFM) will be selling fresh vegetables, meat, eggs, cheese, and a whole host of other local products. Indian Line Farm will be there selling seedlings for your

vegetable and flower garden as well as early spring vegetables.

Mayflower Farm will be there in mid August selling lamb products. The GBFM is a grower/producer only market meaning all items are grown or produced by the FARMERS. All markets feature live music, lunch fare, and usually activities for children. Admission is always free and SNAP benefits are available at all markets.

For more information about the GBFM go to: greatbarringtonfarmersmarket.org

And after you have enjoyed some local goodies take a moment and think what would happen to local agriculture if our bee population disappeared? Did you know that about 1/3 of the food we eat depends on pollinators and approximately 80% of all flowering plants on earth rely on pollinators to reproduce? Bees, butterflies, birds and other pollinators are vital for our ecosystem, provide essential services for valued crops and contribute to our agricultural economy.

The Egremont Agricultural Commission will be exploring how we can increase the presence of pollinators in our local community for the next year. Stay tuned!

The Agricultural Commission is sad to say goodbye to Andrei Vankov who has served as our Secretary for several years. We appreciate his good energy, creativeness and willingness to do research for us. We wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

ECO-TIP

The best thing you can do to slow global warming? Buy a fuel-efficient car.

www.nytimes.com/2017/03/25/opinion/sunday/what-you-can-do-about-climate-change.html

Board of Assessors:

Town Meeting:

Don't miss the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, Tuesday May 2nd, at the Mount Everett Regional High School Cafeteria.

One of the Articles we ask you to vote for at the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING is Article 21. This article is to exempt Personal Property under \$3000 in valuation. The purpose is to limit the remitting and collecting of Personal Property taxes of very small amounts. Processing these very small tax bills is more expensive than the collected amounts.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Assessors' office at 528-0182, Ext. 14. Our Town Hall office hours are Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM to 12:00 or email us at assessors@egremont-ma.gov.

Egremont Volunteer Fire Department:

Date /Location	Time /Type	Call #
2/23/2017 Hillsdale Rd.	7:11 PM Medical	22
2/25/2017 Rt.41	7:09 PM Wires & trees down	23
2/25/2017 Mutual Aid to Hillsdale NY	8:53 PM Standby	24
2/26/2017 Taconic Ln.	3:10 AM Medical	25
2/28/2017 Millard Rd.	11:58 PM CO Alarm/False	26
3/2/2017 Creamery Rd	9:19 PM Medical	27
3/4/2017 Mutual Aid to Hillsdale NY	3:16 PM Standby	28
3/4/2017 Baldwin Hill Rd E-W	6:24 PM Medical	29
3/6/2017 Creamery Rd.	11:23 PM Medical	30
3/9/2017 McGee Rd.	9:08 AM Medical	31
3/9/2017 West St. Mt. Washington	3:15 PM Alarm/False	32
3/10/2017 Jug End Rd.	7:30 PM Brush Fire	33
3/14/2017 Avenue	4:32 PM Alarm/CO	34
3/14/2017 Avenue	6:59 PM Alarm/CO/False	35
3/18/2017 Baldwin Hill East	10:45 PM Medical	36
3/21/2017 Creamery Rd.	11:17 AM Medical	37
3/25/2017 East St. Mt. Washington	7:23 AM Medical	38
3/27/2017 Millard Rd.	8:30 PM Alarm/CO/False	39
3/27/2017 Baldwin Hill East	9:34 PM Medical	40
3/30/2017 RT 23 Rest Area	12:37 PM Car/Fire	41

3/30/2017	1:30 PM	42
Hillsdale Rd.	CO/Alarm/False	
4/2/2017	9:34	43
Button Ball Ln.	Alarm/Smoke	
4/3/2017	5:43 PM	44
Baldwin Hill East	Medical	
4/11/2017	4:55 PM	45
Cross Rd. Mt. Washington	Medical	
4/11/2017	7:52 PM	46
Baldwin Hill N-S	Medical	
4/13/2017	6:02 AM	47
Baldwin Hill E-W	Medical	
4/13/2017	10:29 AM	48
Pinecrest Hill	Smoke/Alm/False	
4/13/2017	10:39 AM	49
Sheffield Rd.	Medical	

EFD concentrates on our emergency medical training during the winter season. This winter we completed our bi-annual CPR for Health Providers recertification and renewed our certification on EPI-Pen and Narcan. We also continued reviewing our First Responder skills in an ongoing effort by Dave Katzenstein to keep our training and credentials current. We know that Dave is offering instruction and encourage all citizens to take his class. Learning CPR does make a difference.

As part of our SCBA upgrade, as planned, we have outfitted two air packs with integrated Thermal Image Cameras. They are deployed one per first in apparatus in each station. We have found our Thermal Image Cameras extremely useful and versatile in helping us do our job.

You just called 911.

Do you know what to do until the Emergency Medical Service personnel arrive?

The Egremont Fire Department is sponsoring classes in American Heart Association "Family and Friends" CPR. This class teaches the most current techniques for responding to a cardiac arrest or choking emergency in an adult, child, or infant.

--Classes are available for individuals up to groups of no more than 6;

--A fee of \$15 per person is required, to cover the cost of an instruction booklet and disposable supplies;

--Allow 2 1/2 to 3 hours to cover all course material, with ample skills practice.

Contact: David Katzenstein (cell): 413-441-1569

(Instruction is also available for those who need AHA Heartsaver or BLS Health Provider level.)

Wood Stove Change Out program:

The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC), in coordination with the Department of Energy Resources, has launched a new round of the Commonwealth Woodstove Change-Out Program. Any Massachusetts resident or business currently operating a non-EPA-certified wood stove or fireplace insert is eligible for a rebate of up to \$1,750 when replacing an existing stove with an eligible model. Those that meet certain income requirements are eligible for rebates of up to \$3,000. To see if you qualify, learn more about this year's program, and find a participating stove professional, [please visit MassCEC's website](#). The deadline for applications to be submitted is August 21st, so don't delay!

Water Department:

Annual spring flushing will take place over the next two weeks. During the flushing you may experience a discoloration of the water in your home or business. We recommend users run the tap for five or ten minutes, preferably from the tub spout, and it will clear up. The water is safe to drink.

Please let the Department know if you are going to be filling your pool! The recorder at the water plant shows an increase but we cannot tell if it is a leak or pool use or irrigation. A quick call will help us with our reporting to DEP. Thank you!

Did you know that a dripping faucet can waste 20 gallons of water a day! A leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons a day. These leaks waste your water and your money.

Toilet Leaks are hard to detect. They are usually caused by a bad main valve, flapper valve seat, a bad flush valve, an improperly positioned float arm, or a defective overflow tube. Test your toilets by dropping a few drops of food coloring into the tank. DO NOT FLUSH! Wait for 15 to 20 minutes. If color appears in the bowl, then you have a leak and repairs need to be made.

Faucet Leaks are easy to find. If it drips, or worse, continues running after you shut it off, it needs to be fixed. If the dripping water is warm, it is costing you extra money! Water dripping or running from the shower head when the shower is turned firmly off, it is usually caused by bad washers or seats which need replacing. Also, check for leaks from the tub faucet when the shower is turned on. This leak will defeat the purpose of a low-flow shower head because the water you save with

the low-flow device is lost from the tub faucet.

If you have any questions about the flushing program, or the water department in general, please contact the Egremont Water Department at 413-528-0182 extension 17.

Update on the Egremont Broadband Network Project from the Egremont Technology Committee

This update summarizes broadband network activities which have been ongoing during March and April 2017. There is a more detailed report later in the newsletter.

Technology Committee completes review of broadband network options. Recall that after MBI withdrew its "municipal project assistance program" in January, the Technology Committee immediately began reviewing other options for broadband networking. Through February and March, the Committee continued gathering information from the three vendors, from MBI, from the Egremont Finance Committee, and from Town residents. At its meeting on April 6, the Committee voted to recommend that the Select Board choose Charter Communications. The vote was five in favor of Charter and one each in favor of Matrix and Fiber Connect. The Select Board acted on this recommendation at its meeting on April 10 and voted to enter negotiations with Charter on a cable franchise agreement.

The Committee's principal reasons for recommending Charter were:

- Of the options considered, Charter was the only one that had received MBI approval. This approval means that in MBI's opinion, Charter's size and financial standing ensure the company's long-term viability.
- The MBI approval also carries a grant award of \$660K to Charter. With these funds added to their own investment, Charter will be able to cover at least 96% of the Town without use of Town funds. It is possible that some Town funds may be used to help cover the last 4%.
- Charter's initial setup/connection charge is much lower than the others', and depending on what services a subscriber chooses, monthly costs may also be lower.
- While Charter's technology and internet speeds may not be quite as "state-of-the-art" as what the other companies are offering,

they are still much more than adequate for most purposes.

Although its work on recommending a broadband provider is now complete, the Committee will continue to support the Town in whatever ways may be needed as we go forward with negotiations and network implementation.

Egremont Board of Health:

Tick-borne diseases such as Lyme, Ehrlichiosis and Babesiosis are endemic and considered by many to be epidemic in Berkshire County in 2012. Our mild winters, exploding mouse population and a growing interest in outdoor activities are creating an ideal environment for tick-borne diseases. Prevention is really the best cure as testing and treatment options can be uncertain for Lyme.

Disease carrying ticks are very small, especially in the nymph stage; they can attach themselves virtually anywhere on a warm body; and they often transmit diseases during the removal process if the tick body is squeezed even just after starting a blood meal. The longer the tick is attached, though, the more likely that transmission has taken place.

Knowing this enemy's habits can help you avoid disease. Ticks can hide in leaf litter and on high grass and bushes, though usually not more than a couple of feet off the ground. During hot, dry weather, ticks are less likely, that is why spring and fall are the most likely times for bites, but tick bites have been reported all year. Ticks will survive freezing temperatures if they have a moist, protected place to shelter like leaf litter.

* Hard and Dry: Stay on hard, dry surfaces such as patios, walk ways and paths.

* No Bird Feeders: Eliminate mouse and rodent habitat and food near your house.

* Tick-Tubes: Buy or build your own "tick tubes" using any fairly water proof, small tubes, stuffing them with pyrethrum-treated cotton balls and placing the stuffed tubes where mice and rodents are likely to run. The mice carry the treated cotton balls back to their nests.

* Pet Prevention: Keep your pets out of the high grasses and use topical medication or tick collars on them to discourage ticks.

* Short and Clean: Keep your lawn short and leaf litter picked up.

* Light Colors: Light colored clothing can make it easier to spot ticks.

* Long Pants and Socks: Never leave the house without considering tick protection and wear long pants

tucked into your socks to make the ticks take the long route.

DEET: Spray your clothing from the waist down with 40% DEET containing bug spray. Also spray work gloves especially when working in leaf litter. Although some of the natural repellants may work you are taking a chance when using anything but DEET.

***Pyrethrum:** Pyrethrum is a powerful flower extract that is known to be an effective insecticide but should be used with extreme caution. Treat clothing only with pyrethrum or permethrin spray (a powerful synthetic insecticide found in Sawyer clothing spray). Wait for the spray to dry before touching or wearing the clothing. Spray outside or in a well-ventilated area and make sure you wash hands well before eating.

*** Body Checks:** Check yourself, your children, and your pets for ticks every night before going to bed.

*** Removing Ticks:** Use sharp pointed tweezers and firmly grab the tick head (NOT the body). Firmly pull straight back without twisting. Don't use soap, nail polish or matches as the tick will regurgitate to release its hold, and may inject any diseases back into the host.

*** Treatment:** If you get a tick bite and the tick is beginning to engorge, assume you have been exposed to multiple tick-borne diseases and seek treatment within 12 hours (or as soon as you can). There is a lot of controversy over treatment. Call your medical provider. Some prescribe a single, large dose of antibiotics if started within 24 hours or so of exposure. Seven to ten weeks or more of treatment with antibiotics may be needed to treat Lyme that has resulted in symptoms. Many medical providers will provide a minimum of two to three weeks of antibiotics. Most tick-borne illnesses can be treated successfully, if caught early.

Sustainability Coordinator: **Egremont Going Solar**

The new solar array on the Egremont Police Station is slated to go on-line in the beginning of May. Our thanks to Brian Torrico and the crew at Torrico Electric for their great work. The majority of the funding for this project came from the town's Green Communities grant. The town's share of project costs will be paid back in only four years as we will receive renewal energy credits of \$1500 a

year for 10 years and electrical savings at about \$2400 a year for the next 20+ years.

This will make the fourth solar installation for the Town of Egremont - two serving the Highway Garage located near the Transfer Station, one of the Egremont Water Department and our new one at the Egremont Police Station. Together the four installations provide approximately 50% of our municipal electric use. The savings from these arrays are passed on to you the tax payer with lower operational costs for building maintenance. Thank you Egremont for your support of clean, renewable energy!

New Recycling Bins at French Park

French Park will soon be home to spiffy, new recycling bins. The bins are American manufactured and are made from recycled plastic. Their design will make recycling at French Park easier and will cut our trash related costs considerably. Funding for the new bins came from a grant the town received for our many innovative waste collection and reduction programs that we have in place.

Wishful Recycling

Wishful recycling refers to the things some of us are putting in the bottles and cans dumpster at the Transfer Station that really shouldn't be going in there, thinking/wishing they will somehow be recycled. This causes contamination in our loads which costs our town extra dollars in hauling fees.

The biggest misconception about plastic recycling is that if an item has the recycling triangle logo on the bottom it is thought can be recycled. That is not true for our collection. The recycling triangle logo only means the item was made from recycled material, not that it can be recycled in the future.

The most common items seen in our bottles and cans dumpster at the Transfer Station that shouldn't be in there are plastic beverage cups (Dunkin Donuts, McDonalds, red Solo cups, etc.), straws, anything made of Styrofoam and plastic bags. Please put the beverage cups, straws and the Styrofoam in with your regular trash, and take clean plastic bags to Price Chopper or Big Y to their plastic bag collection bins.

Read the signs at the Transfer Station - they explain in greater detail the "yes" or "no" of recycling. Or ask our crackerjack Transfer Station Attendant Bill. He is extremely friendly and knowledgeable and is there to assist you.

Technology Committee

On Thursday, April 6, 2017, the Egremont Technology Committee voted to recommend to the Egremont BOS the selection of and pursuit of the MBI grant offered to the town in MBI's Letter dated March 28, 2017 RE: Qualification of Charter to Receive an MBI Grant to serve Egremont. The vote of the Technology Committee was 5 in favor of Charter, 1 in favor of Matrix, and 1 in favor of Fiber Connect.

The Egremont Technology Committee has been in existence in the town seeking providers of both broadband and Cable TV to the town since the late 1990's. Thousands of individual hours have been dedicated to the effort and each member of the committee needs to be thanked by the entire town for their diligent efforts. The governing focus of the committee included the following 5 guiding principles:

1. Get the job done quickly.
2. Ensure access for all Town residents.
3. Provide reliable service with good connection speeds at reasonable prices.
4. Obtain good value for taxpayers.
5. Maximize the likelihood of ongoing service and financial stability.

When the Technology Committee was formed, the primary focus was and remains to provide reliable broadband, Cable TV, and phone service to residents of Egremont. As time passed, because of changing technologies and communications venues, there was extensive discussion promoting only Broadband and Phone service for the town and exclude Cable TV as it did not appear that CaTV companies such as Time Warner/Comcast/Charter were interested in large scale buildouts in rural regions because of the lack of subscriber density.

Egremont is a small rural community with a population of approximately 1200 people in southwestern Massachusetts. It has a rich history of manufacturing, farming, and outdoor recreation. Today, only one working farm remains in the community, and two outdoor recreation businesses continue to operate. Identifying resources that can and will provide affordable broadband, television, and phone to our rural town has presented a significant challenge to the Technology Committee. Today, there are two proposals on the table to Egremont. Matrix is excluded from this analysis as it never applied to the MBI for qualification with the current grant RFP and also has some documented issues regarding previous work and RFP responses with MBI. Consequently, the selection of Matrix would mean that the town would be responsible for at least \$730K in make ready and pole licensing costs that may not be reimbursed by the Commonwealth. That leaves only Charter Communications and Fiber Connect.

The service being sought by the town for Broadband is a residential level service as previously stated. Per the most current data, the average bandwidth requirements in a 4 person residential family is as follows:

Mother	Streaming Video on Smart TV	4.00 Mbps
	Social Media	0.03 Mbps
Father	Streaming High Definition Movie on Smart TV	5.30 Mbps
	Sending E-mail	0.08 Mbps
Teen Child (HS)	Streaming Music	2.00 Mbps
	Playing online game	0.02 Mbps
	Audio call with other players	0.30 Mbps
Middle School Age Child	Social Media	0.03 Mbps
	Skype with Friends	0.30 Mbps
	Total	12.06 Mbps

Essentially the anticipated need of the average residential family in the Town of Egremont is approximately 13 Mbps.

Fiber Connect is offering the following service(s):

Double Play (Broadband and Telephone) No TV

1Gbps best use down load/250+ Mbps best use upload @ \$99.00 per month.

Digital Telephone (POTS replacement) @ \$19.00 per month.

Total: \$118.00

One time Connection/Installation Charges: \$299.00 to \$999.00 not including costs for cabling should a particular home be setback a significant distance from the road/nearest pole or if trenching is required.

The subscriber is responsible for TV content either by subscribing at extra cost to Over the Top content services such as Hulu etc. or seek a satellite provider. Depending on choice, this could amount to an additional \$100.00 to the monthly content viewing bill over and above the Fiber Connect costs.

Charter/Spectrum is offering the following service(s):

Triple Play (Broadband, Telephone, and TV) Various packages as described below.

Spectrum Internet offers speeds of 60 Mbps or 100 Mbps. When bundled with in a standard

Triple Play package, new customers receive the 60 Mbps service for \$29.99 for the first twelve months, with no additional modem fee. Standard rates are as follows:

Spectrum Standard Service Offerings (month-to-month plan)

Spectrum Internet 60/4 \$59.99

Spectrum Internet 60/4 with Spectrum TV \$53.99

Spectrum Internet 60/4 with WiFi \$64.99

Spectrum Internet Ultra 100/5 \$119.99

Spectrum Internet Ultra 100/5 with Spectrum TV \$113.99

Spectrum Internet Ultra 100/5 with WiFi \$124.99

Charter states it will cover the first \$3000.00 of costs for homes that have major setbacks.

There is some question as to why Charter/Spectrum is moving into rural areas for buildout. As part of Charter/Spectrum's purchase and merger with Time Warner cable the FCC requires Charter/Spectrum to, **"build-out to 2 million homes, all 2 million must be to unserved customers."**

Comparison of Charter/Spectrum and Fiber Connect

Charter/Spectrum	Fiber Connect
Charter Communications (Charter) is a Fortune 100 Company based in New England and one of the nation's largest cable operators. With our recent purchase of Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks, Charter now serves more than 25 million customers in 41 states, including more than 260,000 in 68 Massachusetts communities. We have a major presence in central and western Massachusetts with more than 1,000 employees. The City of Worcester is home to Charter's Southern New England headquarters and Charter's largest New England call center. Our corporate headquarters is located in Stamford, Connecticut.	Fiber Connect (FC) and founder/CEO Adam Chait believe in the ideal that Internet Service Providers should be local. Founded in 2014, Fiber Connect has been leading the way by providing Fiber to the Premise (FTTP) services for Berkshire County residents, municipalities, and businesses. A homegrown company providing Internet Services to a small rural population is breaking the mold of large corporate providers. Fiber Connect aims to serve as the example of what last mile innovation can look like. In 2016 FC has ushered in a two town pilot program with Monterey and Egremont. With a homegrown local approach the company is

Charter/Spectrum	Fiber Connect
	dedicated to the communities in which it serves. FC is in the unique position of being a true Berkshire County Internet service provider with its sole focus being its Berkshire County customer base. FC is proud of its commitment to not only The Berkshires but the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as well. The majority of FC business will be done with Massachusetts based firms. Keeping business in Massachusetts and Berkshire County is a Fiber Connect priority. It is a FC core value to be a factor in the growth of the economy both in Berkshire County and the Commonwealth as a whole. A strong last mile connecting service provider with Berkshire County roots will further bolster any economic goals for the communities, counties, and commonwealth for which it serves.
Large Corporation with strong financial standing, customer base, and record of sustainability.	Local startup that is venture capital based, no financial records or data, no business plan, no record of performance.
Qualified by MBI for grants to build out 96% of Egremont. Egremont, if it responds in the affirmative, will make 100% buildout a condition of the agreement.	Disqualified by MBI for grants to build out Egremont and other communities due to a lack of a solid financial background (MBI Letter dated 3-30-2017). Makes a number of claims regarding their activity with little or no evidence to support the claims. No Business plan or financials to support claims cannot risk tax dollars on the uncertainty.
Claims to buildout 96% of town, Egremont will require a buildout of 100% using state grant money. Homes affected appear to be in the vicinity of service provided to adjacent towns.	Claims to build out 77% of the town. Areas that will not be built out without the help of municipal funds could cost up to the \$2.9M that was originally authorized by the town for borrowing 2 years ago. Consequently if the town chose to pursue FC this could mean an additional \$275 tax increase for each resident in a home valued at \$375,000.
Recommendation	
Accept the MBI grant to use Charter with the provision that 100% of the town be built out with MBI grant funds. All requests detailed in Egremont's letter of March 15, 2016 be open for negotiation and inclusion in final agreement.	

Note: All data in the above table extracted from Charter/Spectrum and Fiber Connect response to the MBI RFP and correspondence from MBI.

ECO-TIP

Stop idling – Waiting in a line of cars? Idling uses more fuel than restarting the engine.

First Congregational Church of South Egremont:

The First Congregational Church of South Egremont will hold a Chicken Pie Supper, May 6 from 5-7 p.m. Menu includes chicken pie, butternut squash, cranberry sauce, salad, bread, beverage and dessert. Adults \$12 and children ages 5-10 \$5. Take-out will be available.

The South Egremont Church will also hold a Roast Pork and Strawberry Shortcake dinner June 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. The menu will include roast pork, mashed potatoes, vegetable, cole slaw, applesauce, beverage and strawberry shortcake. Adults \$14 and children ages 5-10 \$5. Take-out will be available.

Home Modification Loan Program:

Please know that you (as a homeowner) may be in a position to improve safety in your home through a zero interest loan through the Massachusetts Rehab Commission. There are no age requirements.

The **Home Modification Loan Program** offered by the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC) offers 0% and 3% loans (up to \$30,000) to help Massachusetts homeowners make modifications to stay at home.

Loans can help finance projects such as:

- o Ramps
- o Stair lifts and wheelchair lifts
- o Kitchen and bathroom adaptations
- o Home security... hard-wired alarm systems, safety windows, and fences

With generous income guidelines, approximately 95% of borrowers qualify for a 0% loan with no monthly payments. Repayment is required when the home is sold or transferred.

For more information, visit: www.cedac.org/hmlp ... or call Susan Gillam at 1-866-500-5599.

Meeting schedule:

Meeting regularly. Subject to change. Please see postings of meetings at Town Hall and the Post Offices for more detail. This is not official.
Archives Room - First Saturday 9-noon

or by appointment

Assessors - Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am to 12noon & by appointment

Council on Aging - Third Tuesday of each month at 12noon. Other times as needed.

Board of Health - Monday–Thursday 7am to 12noon.

Meetings - Thursdays as posted 10am

Board of Selectmen - Meetings every other Monday evenings 7pm. Office weekdays 7am to 3pm.

Building Inspector - Tuesday 12:30pm to 3:30pm. Other times and inspections by appointment

Conservation Commission - Second and Fourth Thursdays 7:00pm

Finance Committee - January through April. Other times as needed.

Library - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 2-6pm & Saturday 9-12noon 413-528-1474

Planning Board - Please check web page for meeting dates.

School Committee: Second & Fourth Thursdays 6pm Mt. Everett High School Library

Tax Collector: Monday - Friday 7:00am to 3:00pm

Town Clerk - Mon-Thurs 1pm to 3pm

or by appointment

Transfer Station - Tuesday & Thursday 8am to 1pm, Saturday 8am to 3pm, Sunday 12noon to 4pm

Water Department - Office Clerk weekdays 7am-3pm

Meetings second Thursday 3:00pm at Town Hall

Zoning Board of Appeals - as needed

To reach a board member or to leave a message please call the Town Hall 528-0182.

Business listings:

In an effort to promote local small businesses, the following businesses/services located in, or near, Egremont have agreed to be listed here. If we missed asking you and you wish to be included, please send your information to the Town Hall.

Support local businesses:

Prospect Lake Park and Campground - camping, swimming

413-528-4158 prospectlk@aol.com

www.prospectlakepark.com

Egremont residents receive a discount to access the beach.

The Inn at Sweet Water Farm - B&B
1 Prospect Lake Road
413-528-2882
www.innsweetwater.com

John Andrews' Restaurant - Restaurant
413-528-3469

Swiss Hutte Country Inn and Restaurant-
Restaurant & Lodging
413-528-6200
www.swisshutte.com

Robin's Chair Caning - Chair caning and repairs.
Robin Walther
116 Egremont Plain Road
413-528-2537
robinschaircaning@gmail.com

Red Barn Antiques - Antique lighting & fine metal
polishing
413-528-3230

Home - Asian Antiques & Interior Objects
195 Hillsdale Road (Route 23)
413-528-5383
www.homeasianantiques.com

41 Main Antiques Gallery - Vintage and modern
furniture, antiques, collectibles, architectural and
decorative objects.
413-528-0112
www.41mainantiques.com

Blue Rider Stables - Therapeutic Horseback Riding
Lessons, summer programs
www.bluerider.org
413-528-5299

Green River Arabians & Pintos -
Horse Boarding, lessons, judging.
413-528-2367 arabpinto13@yahoo.com

Indian Line Farm - Community Supported
Agriculture (CSA) & Farmers Markets
413-528-8301
www.indianlinefarm.com

Ivory Pond Farm -
Llamas, Yarn and Woolens. Dancing Crane Rug

Hooking Studio. Hooked rugs, lessons and supplies.
Tom & Liz Marino
413-528-9465
www.lizmarinorughooking.com
Llamama@wildblue.net

Turner Farms Maple Syrup - Phillips Road,
open 7am to 7pm 7 days a week.
413-528-5710

B&S Gventer "Books & Ephemera" - Buy & Sell Books
<http://blaize.com/>
413-429-7467

Elfi Six Shiatsu/Acutonics®, Bodywork
413-644-9979
www.CosmicResonance.com

Zorn Family Chiropractic-Chiropractor
44 Main Street, South Egremont
413-528-9654
healingspiritdc@yahoo.com

Zorn Core Fitness -
Personal, Couples & Group Training
Cardio Room - \$25 per month Free 1 month cardio for
Egremont residents
46 Main Street, South Egremont
413-528-1594
www.zorncorefitness.com
zornari@gmail.com

Yoga at Zorn Core Fitness, with Karin Beebe
Ashtanga Yoga & Gentle/Hatha Yoga
46 Main Street, South Egremont
413-528-0828
kbyoga@gmail.com

Old Egremont Country Store - groceries, beer, wine,
liquor, newspapers, lottery, & much more
413-528-4796

Blueberry Lane Home Design - Interior decorating
413-528-9633

Closet Collection - clothing & household
consignment shop
413-528-6236

Berkshire Veneer Company - wholesale/retail
wood veneer sales
413-644-9696

Steve Agar - driving services
Ride to the airport, train, etc
413-717-1607

Toull Construction - Jobs large and small.
Lord St. Pierre
413-528-5548

"Jack of All Trades"-Handyman Services
Jack Buckley
413-528-1982
413-446-1982

James Olmsted - Outdoor Services & Caretaking
Field Mowing
413-528-0102
pager 413-261-2150

Glenn Gallagher: Home repairs, property
maintenance, carpentry
475-434-0686

Jenna Brazie - gardening/weeding
413-727-8727

Bonnie Wells: general housekeeping, maintenance
to construction clean-up, ironing, polishing,
organizing, window washing with free screen
cleaning.
413-854-7417 bonbonz75@yahoo.com

Catamount Ski Area - Skiing & ropes course
413-528-1262
www.catamountski.com

Peter Goldberg, Realtor
Residential, Commercial, Land
Stone House Realty
35 Railroad Street, Great Barrington
413-281-6384m 413-528-4211o

Anita Schilling - Real Estate Listing & Sales
William Pitt Sotheby's
413-528-4192 or 413-626-1920
anitaschilling@gmail.com

Florence F. Browner Real Estate - Full Service
90 Creamery Road
413-528-3266
flobro@wildblue.net

Kenver Ltd - Winter Sports Equipment, Apparel &
Accessories
39 Main Street
413-528-2330 www.kenverltd.com

Maple Leaf Art Gallery - Joan Mentzinger
154 Hillsdale Road, Route 23

Cyber Knight - Matthew Wall
PC repairs - Networking - Internet
413-528-5415
Matthew.wall@yahoo.com

[Dellea.biz](http://www.dellea.biz) Computer Services - Arthur Dellea
<http://www.dellea.biz>
413-528-1141

Berkshire Wildlife Solutions - Resolving conflicts with
nature. Eric F. Ives
Mass Problem Animal Control Agent
Consultation/Inspection, Capture, removal and
exclusionary work.
413-528-9813 413-250-5094

Brookside Quiltworks - Catherine Kane - fabric shop and
quilt gallery. 2 Sheffield Road, Egremont
413-528-0445 www.brooksidequiltworks.com

Maple Shade Enterprises: Quilts and Sewing, much more
Sue Delmolino Ives
413-644-0229 susandelmolino@yahoo.com

Stitched by JessaLu - Jessica Meyer
Handmade bags for your "Stuff"!
www.stitchedbyjesselu.com

Berkshire Sewn - Mary Gifford
berkshiresewn@gmail.com
413-528-3040

Gregory Cherin photography
South Egremont 1-917-991-0553
info@gregorycherin.com
www.gregorycherin.com

Berkshire South Regional Community Center
15 Crissey Road, Great Barrington MA
413-528-2810 www.berkshiresouth.org
Non-profit community organization serving 17
towns throughout the Southern Berkshires.
Providing a variety of educational, recreational and
cultural programs for all ages - from early childhood
to senior citizens - and partners with several local
organizations.

Gogel & Gogel - Law Firm
Business law & litigation
40 Main Street
413-528-2698
www.gogel-gogel.com

House To House Hauling & Recycling
413-528-0943
Trash hauling services and roll-off containers
services.

Jana Laiz: Local Author www.crowfliespress.com
413-528-0943 www.janalaiz.com


Aston Magna Music Festival
Saturday evenings at the new Saint James Place in
Great Barrington, mid-June to mid-July.
www.astonmagna.org
Susan Obel, Executive Director

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Box 368
South Egremont MA 01258
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tegrement@egremont-ma.gov

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TOWN OF EGREMONT – May 2017

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TOWN OF EGREMONT – June 2017

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